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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN LABOR DELEGATE TO ILC SEES COLLAPSE OF ILO
IF THE U.S. WITHDRAWS

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1. GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ZAMBIAN CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS AND A LABOR DELEGATE TO THE JUST CONCLUDED ILC, NEWSTEAD ZIMBA, TOLD A TIMES OF ZAMBIA REPORTER JUNE 28 THAT IF THE U.S. CARRIED OUT ITS THREAT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO THE ORGANIZATION WOULD COLLAPSE. ZIMBA POINTED OUT U.S. WITHDRAWAL AND THE ABSENCE OF ITS CONTRIBUTION WOULD HAVE "DISASTROUS" RESULTS. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE U.S. WAS NOT USING ITS CONTRIBUTIONS AS THREAT TO MAKE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION MEET ITS DEMANDS, RATHER IT HAS THREATENED TO LEAVE BECAUSE THE ILO HAS BECOME INFESTAONEKGCEXROLITICAL ISSUES UNRELATED TO MATTERS DEALING WITH LABOR. ZIMBA CALLED ON THE U.S. TO THINK TWICE ABOUT WITHDRAWING IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORKING MASSES.

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2. IN HIS COMMENTS DEALING WITH HIS EVALUATION OF THE ILC MEETING, HE SAID THE ILC SESSION WAS ONLY "A PARTIAL SUCCESS" BECAUSE MOST OF THE IMPORTANT MATTERS WERE NOT DISCUSSED AND WORK OF THE CONFERENCE WAS HAMPERED BY MISUNDERSTANDINGS (REFTEL).

COMMENT: ZIMBA WHEN HE CALLED FOR THE U.S. TO RECONSIDER ITS STAND ON POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO WAS VOICING A SENTIMENT SHARED BY THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND EMPLOYERS AS WELL. THIS REQUEST WAS MADE REPEATEDLY BY ALL THE GROUPS BRIEFED BY HOROWITZ ON U.S. CONCERNS REGARDING THE ILO AND IN SUBSEQUENT EMBASSY FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE ILC. LOW

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